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1. FULL TEXT AUSTRALIAN-SOVIET SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL
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REF A.

2. REGARDING ERDA'S QUERY (REF C) ON POSSIBLE JOINT
MAGNETIC CONJUGATE POINT STATION IN AUSTRALIA, NASA
SENIOR SCIENTIFIC REPRESENTATIVE HAS DEVELOPED FOLLOWING
INFORMATION BASED ON DISCREET INQUIRIES WITHIN DEPT. OF
SCIENCE:

3. AUSTRALIA HAS NOT AGREED TO CONSTRUCT A LOCAL
STATION TO ESTABLISH CONJUGACY WITH EAST
SIBERIAN STATION. THERE APPEARS TO BE NO
TECHNICAL NEED FOR SUCH A STATION HERE BECAUSE USSR
AND AUSTRALIA NOW ROUTINELY EXCHANGE DATA ON IONOSPHERIC
AND MAGNETIC PHENOMENON ON A FREQUENT AND PERIODIC BASIS.

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OBSERVATIONS FROM CONJUGATE SITES SUCH AS FLEURS, N.S.W.,

CANBERRA AND HOBART AND MIL'KOVA AND PETROPAVLOVSK ON KAMCHATKA PENINSULA ARE AMONG THOSE NOW EXCHANGED. OTHER EXCHANGES HAVE OCCURRED FOR CONJUGACY OBSERVATIONS AT PETROPAVLOVSK AND WOOMERA, S.A.; MACQUARIE ISLAND AND POSSIBLY CHUKOTSKY, SIBERIA; CAMPBELL ISLANDS, N.Z., AND EITHER ANCHORAGE OR ADAK ISLAND ALASKA.

4. USSR ONCE ASKED AUSTRALIA TO PROVIDE THEM SUITABLE HF RADIO TRANSMITTER WITH WHICH TO CONDUCT MAGNETIC CONJUGATE POINT COMMUNICATIONS EXPERIMENT. AUSTRALIANS REFUSED THIS BUT AGREED TO CONDUCT SUCH EXPERIMENTS WHENEVER SOVIETS MADE TRANSMISSIONS WITH THEIR OWN HF RADIO. USSR REPORTEDLY HAS ALREADY CONDUCTED HF CONJUGACY-TYPE COMMUNICATIONS WITH THEIR OWN SHIPS IN THE SOUTH INDIAN OCEAN, BUT THESE ARE REPORTED SO FAR TO BE REFERENCED ONLY VAGUELY IN THE SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE.
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